

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) received the Congressional Award for Global Health from the Global Health Council and the African Union. The award honors McCollum's extensive legislative efforts to improve health and quality of life around the world, especially for the most vulnerable children and families in developing African nations.

The honor was presented by Ambassador and African Union Permanent Representative Amina Salum Ali at a reception commemorating the International Day of the African Child.

Rep. McCollum's most recent actions to advance global health include:

- The [United States Commitment to Global Child Survival Act](#) ( [H.R. 2266](#) ), which invests in the simple health solutions that can save nearly two-thirds of the children under five who die around the world each year; and
- The [Focus on Family Health Worldwide Act](#) ( [H.R. 1225](#) ), which supports the education and access to voluntary family planning needed to help parents in the developing world build strong, healthy families.

"I thank the Global Health Council and the African Union for this honor and for highlighting the lifesaving role that strong global health plays for children and families in Africa and throughout the world," McCollum said today.

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